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To the *Right Honorable* the Lord *President* BRADSHAW.

My LORD,

SOme men meanly qualified have adventured Dedications of mean Pieces unto Princes, but my impudence, I fear, transcends theirs; for indeed it would better become me with a Rope about my neck to dedicate my self to your Justice, then this piece to your Patronage: My Lord, I have deserved death, but you know my retractations; and if acknowledgements of my former offences against this State may make any expiation, I beseech you to believe I have bin ingenuous: I present this to your Lordship, not to inform you, but to disabuse the people, for

more of these Conspiracies then is revealed here is already known to you? but since men falling off from a party, create enmities, and dangers to themselves, as I now expect to do, I cannot propose a more undanted patern to my self, or desire a more Heroical Patron to this Pamphlet then your self. You my Lord, have dared in a strange time to judge between a King and a Kingdom; and like a wise *Salomon* you have (and yet without division) divided the true living childe to its own Mother. You have gone on gallantly, and not like those other scorned Judges, who now appear upon the Bench again, but durst not sit there when the grand Case was to be decided; those that hated you, now fear you, and those that feared you before, now begin to honor you, and believe you could not have gone on so, but that you are invisibly prompted by a more then ordinary Power. You are now fixt in an Orb above mean enmities, and we that are below, fear our enemies the less for your sake. In this I flatter not, and even this blunt story I hope will testifie me to be a man free from adulation: for here I spare no man, nor party

that

that falls within my Verge; Here most parties may see themselves, how they are packt and shuffled for an after-game, which is speedily to be plaid; the Royalist, and the Presbyterian both may here see, if they please, that the Cards are to be dealt by other hands then theirs. See what complottings, what hurlyburlies, what heart-burnings here are, whilst some fond men make it their main hope, and ambition to undo themselves, because, forsooth, they will needs take their enemies for friends, and friends for enemies. Now the *Spanish* are landing here, the *French* there: now the *Scots* have fifty thousand men to affront *Cromwell*, and yet can spare *Massey* ten thousand more to take in *Carlisle*. *Vt populi folia omni vento, sic populi corda hinc inde omni rumore moventur.* In the mean time, my Lord, God blesses your pious Cause, and your pious Cause procures you a gallant Armado at Sea, a victorious Army in *Ireland*, another as numerous in *Scotland*, a powerful *Militia* remaining besides in *England*; neither is money, nor courage, nor unanimity wanting to all these. Your enemies now have nothing to hope, but that confidence in your wealth and

strength will undo you: O herein let your evil counsellors be made good ones to you. But lo, I become a trespasser upon your pretious time, and I should beg pardon both for this faulty Dedication, and rude Excursion, but that I have pardon to beg for greater offences, and am not thereof as yet sufficiently assured. Onely if that pardon may not be granted to words, let it be obtained by the constant future good comportment of

My Lord,

The most real Servant of *Englands* Law, and particularly your Honors.

A. B. NOVICE.

Reader,

THou distrustest perhaps, this piece, which is now presented to thy view, that it is a Romance, or a meer figment. But I assure thee tis not so, for some of our greatest Statesmen know the reality of these things already: and thou shalt ere longe, by another more serious tract, which is now in fitting for the Press, receive a fuller confirmation. I will not call this an history, but a miscellany rather of some passages historically written, and it chiefly contains Scotch and French Transactions, together with the eminent inter-actings of the Pontificall party, and sometimes I have made mention of my self, whom I hope thou shalt be better acquainted with hereafter. In the mean time know, that I am of a sanguine complexion, and though I can in some degree pity the miseries of the Cavaleer, and the knavery of the Presbyter, yet I am more apt to laugh at their fooleries with Democritus, then to weep for them with Heraclitus. I have been likewise at Rome, but could never swallow down all her Fopperies; amongst all the miracles there, I never thought any of them was a true one, but that wise men should believe in their truth. Yet I was much bewitched with the pomp of that religion, and had died a vealous votary for it, but that God by an Incomparable * Divine sent a spirit of conversion upon me. And now I hope to take the Ministry upon me,

* Mr G. of C. C. in Oxf.

me, and so draw others to God, by shewing them the strange work of God upon my self. Some will object against my stile, as was once against Erasmus, and say, that it is more vain then becomes a Divine, and more satyrical then becomes a Christian: but consider the subject, and thou wilt say tis not unsuitable thereunto.

Siquis est qui dictum in se inclementius
Existimavit esse, sic existimet.

I look for no favour at any parties hands, the whole world hath no ingagement upon me, so highly am I independent; yet if any moderate man shall be offended at my lightness, or tartness, to Him I will submit, and promise amends in my next more secret, and more solid discourse. Read therefore, and censure, but rest confident, what thou readst here is true; and that I have written it partly to exonerate my conscience of the guilt of an Incendiary, contracted upon my soul for some years last past, and partly to make some amends to my poor dilacerated Countrey. I am as fearfull of poysoning the world with untruths as any man can be, I know well.

Qui librum pernicioſum edendum promovet,
Sibi cibum in Inferno edendum præparat.

Let us therefore pass on to the matter.

Hæc legat & triſtis Cenſor caſtuſq; ſacerdas.

Reader, In the last page of this book but one, in line 31 for *Friends*, read *Feuds*.

FOr the indagation and redemption of Truth out of many dark counſells, black enterpriſes, and fatal accidents, (that ſo through the fair perſpective of my experience, and knowledge, others may attain to the diſcovery of things, that now lye buried in deep vaults, below the gueſſes of ordinary men) I ſhall begin a relation about the wars ending, at leaſt when the ſame drew towards its declenſion.

The late King was for his obſtinacy by ſome judged conſtant; but indeed he was one, that if he hated any man, he would never be perfectly reconciled to him, nor moved by his perſwaſions, though never ſo convincing: and yet if he loved any men (as he did ſometimes for his own ends) he was almoſt ſervile to them, and for their ſakes he would be almoſt commanded to forſake his own judgement, and knowledge. He was of himſelf fierce-harted, and ſubtil-headed, as his enemies felt ſoarly, when he was left to himſelf: but to his flatterers, *viz.* his only friends, when they pleaſed to charm him, he was weak both in reſolution, and judgement. So abſolute a Maſter he was nevertheleſs of diſſimulation, that doubtleſs therein he far exceeded *Tiberius*, and by this art he could, when he ſaw occaſion, cloſe with the moſt mortall of his enemies, and caſt off the moſt meritorious of all his friends: and this he often did when the face of his affairs changed, and required ſuch a change in him. And though there were ſome (ſuch as his Queen, and ſome others who in his opinion could not have ſeverall intereſts from his) that did wonderfully awe him, and could drive him alwaies from his beſt reſolutions: yet there were none at all, whom he could not diſſemble withall, and reject, if he once ſuſpected them

Buſium omnium legum privata principis voluntas.

them contrarily intereſſed to his ultimate ends of Tyranny; hence it is that the world is ſo ſtrangely divided about him: ſome men that knew him only by his favours, and viewed him at a diſtance, canonize him for a Saint, and Martyr, and ſcarce allow him ſecond to Jeſus Chriſt: whilſt others who were diſobliged by him, and viewed him at a neerer diſtance, damn him with *Judas*, charge him with the blood of 500000. Chriſtians, of poyſoning his Father, of betraying thoſe of his own religion in *France*, and *Germany*, and of being guilty of perjury, and perfidie beyond all example. This *Charls*, when *Oxford* began to grow unſafe, and he ſaw he was put to his laſt refuge, knew it concerned him to perform his maſter-peece, which was in plain downright termes, to decieve his own deceiving friends, by deſerting them: and betaking himſelf to his firſt profeſſing enemies, the *Scots*, whom he judged of all men the moſt notorious, and everlaſtingly perfidious. He fretted belike, and was ſtung to the quick, (his intelectuals being amuſed, and not ſo well able to order him) that he muſt now act a Kings part more Scenically, and not with that rigor as he was wont: but according to the inſtructions of his old Court moralls, he held any deluſive plot honorable that might accompliſh his deſignes, and ſo without further reluctance he thought to play the pawn of a King, ſo he might give check at laſt to the Engliſh victorious Liberty. He went not to the *Scots*, as imagining them more true or generous then the Engliſh: but becauſe he knew the *Scots* were more eaſy to be wrought upon, & divided from their fellow Covenanters, then the Engliſh. Beſides, the peeviſh humour of revenge raged in him, and this was the direct road that leads to publike miſchief: otherwiſe being to make uſe of deceitfull inſtruments for deceits ſake, he would have doubted, and feared that over reaching at laſt, which he found. Tis verily thought if he had caſt himſelf upon the ingenuity of the Engliſh, and not totally loſt their hearts by thus preferring the *Scots* before them, he might have eaſily out-witted them, and that his own judgement had advertiſed him ſo, had not ends of further imbroyling his three Kingdomes, and effunding more humane blood overſwayed him.

Howſoever, we the more active *Catholicks* of his party (not then

then privy to the secret negotiations betwixt him and *Montril*) thought his deserved ruin was at that time inevitably approaching: and being left not to the wide world, but to the narrow limits of beguirt Garrisons, we immediately consulted what course was to be steered. *Jam res ad restim rediit*, we saw a shrewd declension attending us, and we saw as apparent a tergiversation, or neutrality amongst our selves, after we had felt one an others pulses. This was plain to us, we could no longer serve our *Catholike* ends, by serving a Prince so far tottering, and who made nothing less then Religion, nothing more then Tyranny his last object, and design.

Now might you have seen whole swarms of us, creeping & crowding into those places which most befreinded us, either for privacy or opportunity; *Oxford* and most of the other unreduced Garrisons know this well enough.

At *Oxford* especially there was divers other Factions besides ours; and these, together with the wants of the Common souldiers, who now had neither pay nor due supply, put all men upon new thoughts, and deliberations. *Rupert* had no small boyes among the Generall Officers that sided with him, and these ravingly cursed their fortunes, that thus had brought them to serve a Run-away. On the other side the grave privy Councellors, *Ruperts Antagonists*, though they ranted not so high, yet shewed a great repining, that his sacred Majesty (a pure blasphemy) should thus leave them in the suds. Also amongst these there were divers other pitifull subdivisions: as amongst the *Cottingtonians* and *Hoptonians*: The Welch were derided as lowsy Rogues, the *Irish* Rebels hooted at for perpetuall Cowards; *Ruperts* for Robbers; all without pay; none without plunder; the *Hoptonians*, they were the white boyes.

But let us speak *ad rem*.; The [k] *Kempfieldians*, a faction, of which we are able, and will now give account and relation; it being almost the *subjectum* of this discourse.

True, we made not Sir *John* our Oracle, or Dictator, yet we now think it convenient to let our *Catholike* Party march under his [l] Coronet: we are not unknowing of, nor unknown to greater Agents for his holiness, then was he, or any that now is in the City and Army; though I confess his merit is not small,

[k] Sir *John Kempsfeild* an eminent Commander of the Horse, who never charged without a Crucifix on his breast.

[l] Which had for his Embleme, the Pope and a Cross, with words which a blind King might read with jealousie.

and his reſpect greater in *Rome*, where I laſt left him in his Pilgrims weeds, ready to be diſpatched away for an *Iriſh* imployment.

I ſhould forget the Rule of private Polity, and (I fear me) offend the authority alſo of this already formidable and Renowned [m]Republike of [n] *England*, ſhould I dare publikely to ſpeak all I know of the perſons of ſome men, and their now black and dangerous actings and imployments for the reſtoring of (not *Charls*, but) —— to his ancient bloudy Tyranny: Suffice thee my Reader, thou ſhalt know all in time, it muſt firſt be my work at the Councell Table; where I ſhall (God willing) bring in a horrible large Catalogue of more pernitiouſly damnably dangerous Actors, then was in the year 1605. in that infernall Powder plot: If ever there were ſuch a fry of Devils in mens ſhapes, yea in miniſters too, crept in to undermine a People and State, judge you, by that time I ſhall have diſcharged the duty of a Sound Convert, and a Native *Engliſh* Gentleman, to thoſe Patriots and worthies whom God by moſt miraculous providences hath owned to be our undoubtedly lawfull Governours: But,

Non omnes volucres Auceps, non omnia luſtra
Venator ſpoliat ——

I ſhall do my uttermoſt.

Return we to ſee what the Catholike faction are a brewing: Each had their Conventicle; the Cavaleer Buzzard, I may ſay Bayard, had their fools [o] Corner, and we our [p] Knaves: Some of us reſolve one thing, ſome another, all agree in this, we muſt deſert the Royall Cauſe, and (as we could) get in with the Presbyter: One (of ſuch a quality) cryes out, Ile compound and goe home, fight Dog, fight Bear; Another, I'le take the Covenant and turn Presbyter; But this laſt ſort had carryed themſelves meer *Amphibiums* in religion, and not openly known for reall Catholikes; but a part of us, of more hot ſpirits, not of the laity, but of ſome ſeverall orders, did conclude it our beſt way, not only cleerly to relinquiſh our party, but to engratiate our ſelves with the Enemy, by acting ſome handſome piece of treachery, that in time we might revive the old Catholike Cauſe, by more able and apt Inſtruments then by a company

m *Nomen Reipub. ſanctum habetur.*
n *Reſpub. potens armis atq; ubere gleba.*
o In *Oxford*, a place ſo fitly called, for Newes-meeters.
p The Catholike Tavern ſo generally called.

a company of ſtaring hare-brain'd Cavaleers; who are not able to act ſo powerfully as thoſe we deſired to joyn Intereſt with, nor indeed (as *Solomon* ſpeaks) when they had a price in their hands, were they able to get wiſdome.

And for this *Conjunction* were there very plauſible reaſons laid down: Say ſome, Had the King prevailed againſt the People; the fawning Biſhops, to uphold their uſurped power, would have ſtampt any Religion upon their Proſelyte King, that they again might have vanted in their Lawn ſleeves and ſtoln [q] *Miters*; the number of us Catholikes being in *England* much inconſiderable to that of *Hereticks*, and the King not pertinacious, nor a jot ſolicitous of any Religion which diminiſhes the leaſt tittle of his monarchical prerogative: In this huddle of opinions, up ſtarts a Dominican, Fa: *Car* by name, now in Calice; but then known by the degree of Quarter-maſter *Lawrence*, born at *Hexam* in *Northumberland*; (and ſeriouſly in my opinion he ſpake, (as we ſay) *veteratorie*, like an old Fox:) Truly (ſaid he) I can with better conſcience and more liberty fight for, and converſe with the *Scot*, then the Infidel; the Presbyter then the Cavaleer: I have more hopes of him for a Convert which is of ſome religion, then of him which is of none; and ſo far (quoth he) may we call the King, but his Party eſpecially, true Cavaleers: And, if we truly conſider ſome points of the Religion, and (the rigidneſs I may not call it, but) the zeal of the Presbyter, with its Diſcipline and Polity; you ſhall find (as in ſeverall points I could plainly hold it forth and demonſtrate the parallel) that there is no Religion in the world does ſo neerly conſent with the true Catholike faith, as does the *Scotch* Presbyterie; though I do not ſay it be *ſuper veritate fundatum*, as ours is: Beſides, ſaid he, I might urge the great hopes and probability of a Presbyters converſion; for *unde aliquis flatus oſtenditur vela dat*; he is ſubject to turn with every winde, no men in the world being of more unſtable mindes, and [r] giddily wavering as are they: which, if *Argyle* in time does not, (as no doubt but he will) both the *Leſlies* and the generality of the Brethren will make good;

Simul ac fortuna dilapſa eſt, devolant omnes:

[q] *Pedo Epiſcopali grande ineſt myſterium.*

[r] Witneſs the common-pr-Directory. Covenanting-royall-aſſembly-engageing Miniſters of *England*.

As for their guidly Covenant, it's but a *Volaticum Iusjurandum*, ſeald with butter; which they will only make uſe of to pick a quarrell with *England*, when they have need of one, and are out of imployment, which the *French* will ſoon finde a way to put them upon, when the yong ſ Run-away ſhall have once given an aſſurance of his real converſion to the Catholike faith; & then ſhall you ſee the Presbyter the only ſtaffe we muſt lean upon: But for the Cavaleers (ſaid he) they are *Duri Capitones*, a company of fooliſh obſtinate Aſſes: our hardeſt taske will be to yoak theſe * two beaſts to draw our Pough; they that refuſe, you ſhall ſee them *peſſum premi*, trodden under foot by * us and the * other.

ſ Prince *Charles.*

* *Diſparibus bobus vix trahitur Vehiculum.*

These and many other arguments being laid down by this Father, it was inſtantly deſired (by one known at that time generally, by no other name but Captain Saint *Johns*, and yet well known ſomewhere now in this Country, of the order of t Jeſus, though he then walked the ſtreets in a Chlamys) how we ſhould ſpeedily diſpoſe of our ſelves.

* *Quod lupus eſt lupulum, nunquam prius eſt mihi viſum.*

t *Sunt qui Jeſu nomen prætexentes hominum animas ipſi Satanæ mancipant.*

Non ad præteritum conſul valet, immo futurum:

The time and ſeaſon required our conſultations to be brief and pithy; and the reſult was, that ſome of the more aged, of unactive bodies for military exploits, but of buſy ſpirits to ſet things in combuſtion, and to augment feuds, ſhould be left behind, and the reſt ſhould inveigle as many as they poſſibly could of the Cavalry to fall off; which to effect, ſome of our younger *Novices* diſperſed themſelves to ſeverall petite Garriſons, which were not reduced to the States obedience, yea verily to almoſt all the Royall unſurrendred Garriſons in *England*; for really we had enough in *Oxford* to furniſh them, beſides what before they were ſtored with; and there were few without u ſome, ſome with many, I dare affirm none without any.

u Jeſuits and preiſts.

Nor was it long ere the fruits of our Projects did appear, As in the great falling off of many, both Souldiers and men of eminency, which we could in any way make ſtoop to the lure of Presbyterie, and ſwallow the goodly godly Covenant: more particularly, that almoſt totall defection of the *Wallingford* Horſe, led off by one *Beard* and *Pawlet*, in which I my ſelf had an hand:

But

But I ſhall deviate too much in inſtancing on the ſeveral ſucceſſes of our plots, nor muſt I be too particular, leſt the Preſbyterian chance to ſee day at a little hole, and eſpy me through a cranny: My reſolution and aim is to let thee (Reader) now underſtand the Cauſe of our thus, and then ſeeming compliances with that predominant Faction.

Firſt, for Sir *Jo. Pr.* which then indeed ruled the roaſt, we were better able in any notion to diſguiſe our ſelves under their diſcipline then any other; for whoſoever would (forſooth) but down with the bleſſed Covenant, muſt be an honeſt man, let him be what he would; which we could very lawfully do, and did, being not unprovided of greater helps then Diſpenſations, ſeeing it was our onely way left to revive (as I have ſaid) the Catholique quarrel upon better termes, by better and more violently rigid Inſtruments.

Secondly, we knew, (and I am certain it was at that time the *Roman* ſence) that that *Polypi caput*, I mean that great jolly Turn-coat, the little Queens husband, being run away from himſelf and her (according to our judgment of his eaſie nature) might (for ought we know) have been ſoon brought to have ſung a *Palinodie*, have vailed or turned

as now his ſon aſſayes and crouches (at leaſt pretends) to do; and then we durſt have warranted the caſe, that we would have reduced *England* into a more hideous pickle then all they had hitherto ſuſtained in their *quondam* broyls; for had he turned Covenanteere, which our party did aſſay by all inventible means to bring him to; and which he would have done, had not the Monarchick-Lawn ſleeves infuſed thoughts in him of a reſtauration to his Arbitrary power, that he muſt be *aut Cæſar, aut Nullus*, as of himſelf he was reſolved to be *Rex aut Aſinus*; or had that *Spaniſh* (I think I might ſay, *Sayiſh) Treatie in the *Ile of Wight* but taken effect; two months had never expired, before moſt of our chief enemies (this Commonwealths now Governors beſt Patriots and Defendors) had all lain weltering in their own bloud: And then (as now it is) Presbyter, Cavaleer, yea, and Catholike too, having joyned intereſts, what muſt our next work have been? or what doſt thou think it now will be when it is ſo?

* L. *Say.*

Reader,

Reader, Thy Genius (if thou art not made of wood) muſt neceſſarily prompt thee to the conceit of no leſs then a Maſſacre, and univerſal ruine of all the Antagoniſts and Oppoſers of thoſe Hot-ſpurs; thoſe three brethren in iniquity, who though they are ſo diametrically oppoſite to each other in principles and opinion, will out of pure malice (cauſed by their ſeveral bloody, ambitious aſpirings) joyn tails together to ſet on fire the fabrick of a moſt polite Government, and devaſt the people whom God will not ſuffer them to tyranize over.

Well, Imagine this had been done, conceit this now a doing, now done: Suppoſe we then *London plundred* (for what wild man thinks, or expects leſs from three ſuch mad enemies) the People and Country laid waſte, deſolate, and invaſſalled, all their enemies throats cut, our then no little Queen with her *French*, and *Jermain* luſty train returned (which was granted us by Treaty) all done, all undone, and none left in the Scene but theſe three; who goes to the pot next? No queſtion, the Royaliſts and Catholiks will be ſo conſcientious, as ſtrictly to obſerve and keep each Punctilio of the pretty *Scotch* Covenant; no doubt but the Catholiques, and the Presbyters will thank the Cavaleer for his good ſervice, and reſtore his King with his Common Prayer and Biſhops, though he will be neither Papiſt nor Covenanter; if not thus, then without diſpute, Presbyter and Cavalier muſt both turn Catholiques; and like enough ſo; I pray thee Reader, do then but conſider how ſoon we could, or can (when time ſerves) ſet the Cavaleer and Presbyter together by the ears. We are not ignorant of the old Adage, *Publicæ res privatis creſcunt inimicitiis*; which thus we will then conſtrue, *When theeves fall out, we true men come by our goods*; What block-headed Presbyter or *Scot* (which is all one) knows not the Royaliſts to be irreconcileable with them; whatſoever fair words, ſome old Court-Spaniel, or young declared King may give them, in hope of future opportunity for revenge, or a Crown; *Priùs lupus ovem ducat uxorem*, Cats and Dogs will ſooner be cater-coſins then they; *Lites præteritæ facilè ſunt renovatæ*; if not, we will put in two hundred thouſand pound to the bargain;

Quis tam distantes nodus conjunget amores?

Well, now they be at it, now they fight; or grant that they had done so; or that hereafter we see them toot amongst themselves; which side do you think (in plain earnest) shall we Catholiques take? it is an even wager; *truly* neither, and yet both, if any; the weakest, till they have confounded each other. I could give a shrewd hint of Orders we received in the *Colchestrian* and * *Cambo-Brittanian* Expeditions; in a word, our design is to put them to that hard task, *Penelopis telam texere*, to do, and undo, till they have left nothing undone for us; But of this more in its place.

* Kentish.

I could here make an happy digression, yet pertinent enough, and a large one if I would (but I will not) onely to shew the people (if they would but understand and hear reason) the powerful hand of *All ruling Providence*, perspicuously demonstrating it self in their redemption & deliverance, out of the jaws, and from the Snares and Gins laid for them by these three Enemies; God himself owning *This Cause* by no less then miraculous successes and unparallel'd vicissitudes and alterations, and which he hath given in Commission unto our most puissant and renouned Governors as his instruments of a most splendid Reformation, and our happily atchieved Liberty, which though it hath cost so much, and the compleating thereof must necessarily require something more; let us remember, that *libertas potior est Metallis*, and that we were all once but meer slaves, bound in our own golden chains, under an Arbitrary-ruling one man, a self-willed and wildly-Tyrannizing Monarch;

Non bene pro fulvo libertas venditur auro.

That I may recover this large deviation,

I must now return back to *Oxford*, where (as I told thee) I for my part was imployed; and now behold it is surrendred, and I with my Comrades left to dispose of our selves, where we had best hopes to create new distempers: Now the *Oxford* Articles were our onely Guardians, and (like our black Maiter) our time being short we resolve to ply our business; and truly we have not been idle, what with tawing and claw-

ing the the Cavalier and Presbyter, as you will perceive ere we conclude this Relation.

And (Reader, I ask you) in what mode do you think now to meets with men of my Orders? We have not onely changed the habits of our mindes but of our bodies also: —Our minds; for he that even now was upsie Cavaleer, high Royalists; he that was nothing but to make the King a Pope, that so the Pope might be made King, dances now after no Musick so merrily as the Northern Bagpipe; the prophane Dammees left off, and nothing but the *Holy Keevenaunt* is heard in our mouthes. —— For our bodies, *Proteus* is less then a Fiction to us; He that erewhile was a Commander in a ranting equipage, is now slinked into a Cobling Stall, or Weavers Loome, or Tapsters Apron, or Coach-mans Box, or Beggars Weeds, or Horsemans Frock, or Serving-mans Livery, or Taylors Shop, or a Pulpit-thumping Presbyters Iippo; into what not? It is not unknown what trade we drive beyond sea, when no trade comes amiss to us; I vow to God, I my self have known one single Student in *Rome* to be his crafts-master in four several Mysteries, and, though an *Italian* born, Speaking and Writing as fluent & candid *English*, as the best *English* Orator; but *Hoc dubitat fortasse aliquis, nisi pagina præsens id sua ratione probet*. To make this good, our Governors, the States of this Commonwealth (if they will deign to hear me now their true servant; for they may, not in this case, *in utramvis aurem dormire*) shall ertsoon be able to cull out many a Sheep cloathed Woof from their Stations, Stalls, Loomes, Aprons, Weedes, Livories, Shops, yea, and Buff coats; what say you to Pulpits too? Let not poor *England* (now like a Bird (Ah me) pursued by several fierce-flying Falcons, and too too neer the intended hard gripes of their cruelly-sharp tallons) either out of a dull and drowzie sottishness, or a phantastical humour of contradiction, suppose that I speak what I know not; if I should tell them I can, and (now being about to do it) will (but privately before Authority) produce a Catalogue of Catholiques, (Fathers, so we will be called) men of several Orders, and others that are Natives, who for the most part have changed their Habitations, gone into remote Counties, and duly go to

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Church too; of an incredible number now living in this Commonwealth under severall Notions, which I my self can *Digito monstrare*, poynt at with a dry finger. I tell thee in generall, There is scarce a Town or City but in some few miles of it I can furnish thee Reader (to thy amazement be it spoken, and to occasion thee to return devout thanks to God) with some, who have lived in *England* these 6. 10. 20. *40. 50. 4. 3. one and two years unknown, unsuspected, but taken for clear contrary men: let them avoid me if they can, their errand by this time is done.

* *Jo. B. of Ne. in Es.*

Reader, think me not mad; indeed I have been, but am now come again to my self: But to what (wot ye) was my minde bent in these Hurly-burlies? to play the Presbyter: and whither went I (trow ye) after *Oxfords* rendition? even to my guid *Scots* Brethren the Covenanters, but yet not presently into *Scotland*: my colleagues and I, which were three (and indeed made three degrees of comparison, one a Priest, my self a Novice, the third (a prodigious name) as eminent a *Jesuite* as *England* hath fathered these many years) had determined if at that time there had been *Halcionian* quiet times at Sea (as there were not for us guilty soules) to have passed directly over; but, diverted twixt fear of detection and zeal of working more good (upon the Presbyter) for the Catholike cause, we wheel'd about and got us to *Newcastle*; where we found the Gentleman that ran away from *Oxford* playing at *Stowball* with his Sodalitia, his guid chapmen; who (as emptitious as he was) though they valued him not, because *sese inscendi passus est*, he suffered himself to be fool-ridden, yet knew well enough how to overvalue him.

x *Malus, pejor, pessimus.*
y *Bre, of Oxf. 8b.*
z *Catesb* ——
a *Goffe.*

Here in this Gally-maufrey of people and opinions (Cavies and Presbyters) we could not in a weeks time devise in what shape to walke in: True, we had resolved to be All-Presbyter; but the state of present affaires so ordered it, that we must as yet be nothing but Cavaleers; for fear they (of whom there was no small concourse) as some of them could, might detect us what we were, maugre our shifting and sniffling pretensions to the contrary; And so once again we did *Dextra conjungere Dextram* fall in with the Cavaleer: For so great a resort was

there of shabby raggamuffian Gentlemen, and some, of our old *Oxford acquaintance*, that we could not in civility (ne ege in policy) shake them off: and so expert are we in those *fraudes Damoniacæ*, that (where occasion presented it self) we became any thing to any man, (like the blacke Prince of the ayre in his witchery Apparitions, or his white Emblem the Miller, who when this winde will not serve him, can turn Sayls and serve that) and closed in our complyance with all, that we might but tempt some; which indeed was easily then to be done with the poor Cavies, who were *Cerâ tractabiliores* plyable to any advice that savoured of the least revenge; but truly are *Asini Homines* meer Asses: Here did we *Cretizare cum Cretense* hold a candle to the Divel, prompt them to what we thought would best serve our owne turnes, 'till at last we had fitted them to be made fooles by the *Scots*; (which at any time they can easily do, if they will but open and declare:) Thus we laught in our sleeves (yet still pretended to be equall sufferers with them in the Cause Royall) which they might easily have perceived, had not their braines been dulled by the Devil (that *egregius delusionum artifex*) and totally intoxicated with the spirits of *Mandragora*:

Nor had we staid long here, 'ere great numbers of the Royall Party came flocking to the *Scotch* Army, in hopes of more worke for the *Chirurgian*: which truly had then been done, as well as since, and now again (if they dare) * like to be, (for *jam tertia vertitur æstas*) had they not feared their weather-cocke King might (in a new-periwig plot) have put upon them the old *Oxford* trick; or had not that currant sum of *Bona & legalis moneta Angliæ* been too prævalent an argument with them to abandon and desert him, whom they valued not really at the estimation of 200000. *Scotch* bawdles; To be sure, our endeavours were not wanting to exasperate all Partyes by all the stratagems our wits could devise; seriously, our fomenting had even then made the Tynder take fire, though we could not do it till here of late; Now tis done; judge you how near it was then brought to an head, (but what will not money do with a *Scot*, (now their Catasta is in readiness;) what will not a *Scot* do for money? An ingenious Monsieur

* *Ab Aquilone ante Notus, quam vulpes venari gallinas supersedeat*: the South wind will blow from the North before these Beggars will leave troubling us.

Monſieur (at this inſtant, I beleeve, in *Scotland*) at a frollick meeting, in *France*, of ſome freinds, amongſt whom I jovially paſſed for currant, ſaid thus, (cunningly;) I'le undertake for halfe a Kings price their whole Nation will D—— themſelves, and the ſtricteſt Formaliſts among the guide Brecthren account it no ſinfull Engagement to eat nothing but ungodly Pearke for an whole year; The plot (I ſay) by our nimble-under-hand inviſible fomentings then grew near to an head; Near indeed; Not only excepted Delinquents unpardonable Cavaleers, but Catholikes, yea known Prieſts and Jeſuites, we alſo by a generall order were publikely quartered in the moſt affluent and ſecure Townes and Villages: You will think it ſtrange to hear me ſay there was at that time (and how much more now they have, like Sampſons foxes, joyned tayles) to the number of two Regiments of Catholikes; nay (to my certain knowledge) there was one meer-all-wholly-a Catholike Regiment new raiſed (before the money came down from London) and reduced, under the conduct of my Lord *Synclare* a Presbyterian-Papiſt; and this alſo I proteſt to God I can affirme for reall truth, there was not only then to be a conjunction with *Montroſs*, but *Iriſh* Rebels to be tranſported, and a war with *England* then reſolved upon; (ſee what money can do) had not theſe policies over ballanc't their reſolutions;

Firſt, That the world would have cryed ſhame upon them, that they ſhould ſo ſoon have broken their own Covenant with the *Engliſh*: which they reſolved to referre to a longer time, hoping to inſinuate to the world, that the *Engliſh* firſt began with them, whenſoever they ſhall have a minde to invade, or diſturbe our tranquillity;

Secondly, That they ſhould more then hazzard the loſſe of the great ſum, if they did too ſoon ſhew their teeth; and not being able to pretend the leaſt reaſon that would hold water, why they ſhould pick a quarrell with their even now Confederates: And as cunningly alſo did they repell the inceſſant importunities of their priſoner-King; telling him, their ſurrendry of him would prove for the beſt, and that it ſhould be to no other intent but to furniſh them with more plauſible pretences for a war and breach with the *Engliſh* States: For

indeed they well considered, that the Parliament of *England* could do no less in justice *upon that Capitall Delinquent*, then what might bear them out in the opinion of seduced Englishmen, as a sufficient excuse for their many peremptory, bawling, mischeivous papers and messages, which (since that) they have interruptingly dared to trouble our State with, besides that their other years Run-away ; and yet still are they so impiously politick (or rather blockishly impudent) as to make this their pretence, that what they do, is for their guid King (& his son) whom, rather then they would have been at the charge to have kept him till this time, I dare say they would have poysoned (in which that travelling Nation is very b expert) or have put to a more exemplary death then that * condigne and yet honourableone, which he here received by the Plebiscitum : *Sponte sua cecidit, sub leges artaq; jura;*
Sed rigidum jus est, & inevitable mortis :

b Witnesse their countrimen Dr. Crichton his Sermon, before yong Stuart at the *Hauge*.

* *Ad generum Cereris sine cæde & sanguine pauci Descendunt Reges & sicca morte Tyranni: Iuvenal.*

But all this while the poor Cavaleer is hoodwinkt, and held in strong suspence ; neither can they imagine whether these Scotisticall *Pioneers* will be *Scots* or no *Scots*, (but *Scots* will be *Scots* :) And they allowed them too bread and cheese pay, from the English ; which indeed was no small boon, considering the small Nook so vast an Army (which had been at *Hereford*) were glad to be thronged into : poor Animals, these credulous Cattell, or blind Bears, as they were then, so are they still led on by the nose (in hopes) by their worst first Enemies; what else makes them *Ampullas & sesquipedalia verba* —— bolt out such high bug-bear Raunts ? what else makes them triumphingly so heave up their heavy heads, and be so silly as to bragg (meerly on the dependance o' these crafty Cattamountaines) that,

Few Tyrants in their beds do dye,
But headlong they to Hell do hye.

Grata superveniet quæ non sperabitur hora,

That speedily a day will come which will pay for all : Royalist, let me tell thee in love, *Sapientia prima est, stultitiâ caruisse*, Do not be so unwise as to be so foolish as to beleeve a *Scot*: But I do *saxum Sysiphon urgere*, beat the ayre to * no purpose : Ye Ardelios think ye out-wit all the world besides, when (*faciunt ne intelligendo ut nihil intelligant*) these πολυπραγμονες (in plain *English*) would seem to know all things, and yet

* *Vecordes verbis non subiguntur.*

they

they knew nothing, but are a company of dull easily beguiled Asses.

Yet welfare my Lord *Synclare* (if there be any *Scot* worth the whistling after, I am confident it is he) I cannot be oblivious of his affable deportment, and tender sympathy he had of the conditions of some of the pittiful Renegado gentlemen. I dare aver, I can reckon up betwixt fourty and fifty heretofore high-flying Dammee-Raunters, now in a lowzie starving condition which he releived, and were admitted sometimes to be drunk with his got-bellied brother *Harry*, that old Court-Curr, *Harbert Price*, That *Welsh-French* Gallow-poasted fellow *Turburvil Morgan*, That easie Catholique, *Durham* gent. Colonel *Jack Forcer*, with many others, which I could name, of greater quality, who did eat of his free-quarter bread, or had perished: But O the miseries of some Gentlemen of lower quality then these! *Synclare* sometimes for the great ones would go a begging to the great begger for a sute; but for these poor souls not a doit but *Scotch* fragments: If ever any of those Gentlemen, which were then amongst them, confide in a *Scot* again, I shall swear they are Cur-Spaniels, and horribly bewitched: Amongst these latter lower sort did we three get in for quarters; pretending as much indigency as the meanest of them, and searching out who were Catholiques amongst them, that so we might List them under a certain Collection; which very secretly and closely we had got raised of the *Northumberland* Catholique Gentlemen: Nor did we easily give credence to any that urged himself a Catholique; for indeed that would have made our number swell too great (the Cavies being at that time ready to turn any thing, except Roundhead, for some money to be chirpingly drunk, and sing away sorrow;) but many reall ones indeed were found, a great company of them being crowded into a very good quarter, at Mistress *Thyrwalls* house, a Catholique widdow, in a mile of *Hexam* in *Northumberland*; amongst whom was Sir *Thomas Tildesly* with a tottered tail as well as the rest, who sent for Mr. *Bre*--to speak with him, whither we being come, with him found a company of lamentable Tag-rags (outvying our disguise)

disguise) going under the names of Colonels, Majors, and Captains; some playing at Irish, some at Gleek, all at Noddy, except Sir *Thomas*, who with a poor Scholar was playing at Chess; Mr *Bro--* asking his business with him; He told us, that he had been informed of our Negotiation, and desired us to enter his List in ours; amongst whom we found some doubtful and unknown names; which, we told him were not safe to be admitted for fear of discovery; He assured us, they were all very faithful Royalists *(which did not please us)* and wanting very much, even ready to perish with hunger and nakedness; amongst which that Scholar, for whom Sir *Thomas* seemed to be very highly solicitous: No sooner almost was he with some of the rest admitted, and had once or twice received collections, but some of them cried Roast-meat to their unadmitted Comrades, which truly fell out very inauspiciously for the Catholiques, worse for the Cavies; the collection stopt, and we resolved for a dispersing march: For, neer about this time was the bargain made, and hands struck betwixt the *English* and the *Scots*, for that Old-New-Nothing; and with him all the *English* both Catholique and Cavies to be surrendered prisoners upon the summ (as justly we might) for Incendiaries. This news being soon sent us (and in troth not too early, for it was in the nick-time) from *Newcastle* by some of our Agents there, we well hoped to have had some laughing sport; for after our flight (which was into *Scotland*) had they stayed a little-little longer, the poor Cabbs had been all surprised, if not surrendred to our Parliament Army then upon a close march; but in *Edenbourgh*, we had not been an whole week, before the ragged Regiment came tottering in there, many thousand millions strong, thicker then when they first shifted into the cleanly *Scottish* Army, out of Gods blessing, yet not into the warm Sun, but a stinking cold climate

And what can you devize these poor gentlemen can do here for subsistence? truly it was miraculous to see the miseries they endured at the hands, and in the sight of those unpittying hard-hearted Cannibals the *Scots*: nay, they did not onely commiserate but basely [a] deride and [b] jear at their calamities, saying, there gangs a brave *English* Cavaleer, whylk fought and run

a *Desolatos deridere dementia est.*
b *Nil habet infœlix paupertas durius in se, Quàm quòd ridiculos homines facit.*

run away for his King, &c. Now I believe thou supposest the Catholique also to be hard put to it here, or that (at least) he was forced to live on the main stock; no (really,) we found friends enough here, even of our own Order. I can assure thee (Reader) a Catholique delights in no air (besides his own) so well as in a Presbyterian. Moreover, we here met with Monsieur *Montril* the *French* Agent, who was then consulting with the *Scotch* States, about the last *Hambletonian* engagement, though since they account it sinful for being basted; with him we immediatly fell into some consultation and action, as you shall hear anon.

But O the poor Cab, his guts pay for it; there was not one of them but hunger had taught some occupation or other, to get money, and it were but enough to buy *Scotch* bread: some Captains got their meat by dressing Troupers horses, not one *Scot* breathing would bestow a Bawdle on an *Englishman* without some service done for it; they would rather call them *Lownes*, and bid them get out of the Countrey. The Scholar (I spake of) he drives a trade with the Colledge, when instead of some subtil questions, the Master put him (as he told me) to expound a Chapter in the Bible, which he did till he had pounded out four or five pund of them, and more had he had of them, but that they demanding his name, and he telling them, they said it was a Popish name, (as I remember it was *Pawlet*, or some such name) the Scholar wittily replied, we have many good Protestants of that name in *Herefordshire*: after this great purchase he and one Major *Thomas Right* set up a trade of making sweet powder for hair with Rice, a trick of the Scholars, by which they lived well, and cozened the *Scots* very handsomly.

a A poor summ in *Scotch* money.

But no going back was there for them, whither they could fly God knows, themselves know not. Reader, thou must not conceive, that of all these Gentlemen there were none which were thus distressed, but meerly for their foolishly and fallely conceited loialty, though the most part were so indeed; certainly there were many, *Homines gregorii* amongst them, raskally fellows, some Theeves, some Bankrupts, some abject Sons, some Prodigals; as the Scholar would often make me

take pitty on him, when he would use to tell me, * that an unnatural Father, and hard Mother in Law was his Parliament; many (like him) had several occasions that reduced them to these dilemma's of misery.

* *Miserabilis fuit homuncio*: He was a castaway.

And now was there a convention of the *Scots* States in Parliament, which puts the Cabs (as poor as they were) into a shrewd fright, and themselves into a puzzle, which way they should dispose of them; for had they rudely betraied them into the hands of the *English* Army, which demanded them in the bargain upon the summ, they had too soon displayed to the world their perfidious dealing with the Cabs Idoll; but, which is the main thing they had then falsified with the *French* to whom they had ingaged to sell these cattle for so much the head, to serve in their wars against the *Spaniard*, till such time as they had both ripened their quarrel against the *English*, and then shall the poor Cabs be brought back again, to usher on, and set a face upon the Popish *French*, and Presbyterian *Scotish* Design, which what it is, you will here towards the end.

The general bruit now blown over all *Edenburgh* was, that the great blades were to be culled out and sent to *London*; but for the rest, if they would take conditions, they should be conveyed from the hands of their enemies, and be accommodated to serve some forraign Prince (the last is true enough, but the other as false as a *Scot*) their stinking States onely made an Order to this purpose, that thereby they might give an *Item* to excepted persons to secure themselves; and (as they must confess) to my knowledge they had private orders given them, to clap themselves into a disguize, and not to walk so publikely in the streets; and thus they shew themselves *Scots* still with the *English* States, for by thus doing they conceived they should be able to evade, if not flatly deny any just demands agreed upon in the former paction between *England* and them.

These raskally doings being thus carried on for some weeks in Hugger-mugger, and the Cavaleers having some slender allowance, they knew not from whom; at last they all began to insinuate to them, that the *Scots* had picked a just quarrel with the Roundheads, and that they should in a short time invade,

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upon pretence of redeeming the even now ſold Bondſlave from his captivity, and bring him (like a painted Pageant) in pomp up to *London*: But this poor pretence, though politike enough to catch the credulity of the throughout gulld Cavaleer, becauſe opinionating ends ever by words; yet we (who ever judged of mens words by their ends) knew the inſide of the piece to be clean contrary; for, the *Scots* (though they had an egging minde to have more plunder) were adviſedly too cowardly to be thus valiantly fooliſh, knowing the ſtrength and reſolution of that gallant dreadfull Army of *England*, whom they durſt as well eat Peark as look upon; though they now make ſome flouriſhes, of purpoſe to get ſome *gelt* for the Son as well as the Father; and then you ſhould ſee them fling him off, and creep to an Engliſhmans elbowe for another confederacy.

In the mean time while things fell out very happily for our Party, the Cabs knew nothing but what we thought fit to tell them; and they very quietly acquieſced in our Oracles: For now was I (with my two forementioned Comerades) imployed afreſh by Monſieur *Montril*, about ſuch a like buſineſs as we had in *Northumberland*; which was to muſter all the Gentlemen we could ferret out, and to take a ſtrict and particular liſt of all that were Catholikes; which we in time effected, and delivered it to the Monſieur, who commanded us to attend him the next day at *Hally-Rood-houſe*, where D. *Hambleton played Rex*, and kept court as Lord *Protector* and Steward in the Dotage of his Cozin: whither when we came, and were called for to the Preſence, The[e] Duke (a right-wary, pure Saint of *Scotland*, as being pretty competently politique, abundantly zealous, and very indifferently religious) firſt demanded of the *Agent*, whether we were ſuch as he might dare to confide and imploy in his Maſters buſineſs, we being Engliſhmen, and for ought I know (quoth he) Cavaleers: they are ſuch (replyed the Monſieur) who do *omnes unum ſtudere*, and whoſe Characters I have received from no ſlender Teſtimony; beſides, this gentleman (pointing to Mr. *Cateſb* —) being my old acquaintance, and a reall ſervant to the *Flur de Inis*; whom (being Engliſh; and, as they are) I dare ſooner truſt then any men alive, none being able to do

[e] We all conferred in the french tongue.

our business with that influence and facility they may, with their old dear acquainted Oxonions: *Gentlemen,* (quoth the Duke then to us) were it not prejudiciall to your selves, as you have no reason to think, I could wish that I know how to equall my respects to your severall qualities: But be confident, I am overjoyed in this blessed opportunity of serving his *Most Christian Majesty*: Here are up and down this City a crew of odd fellows, old beaten Souldiers of the King of *Englands* party, who can now serve for nothing better then to fill ditches, thereby to salve their lost honours, when they shall shed their blood in the service of a more puissant Prince, to whose gracious Majesty I shall ever devote my best performance: Let it be your part (therefore): as much as in you lies, to prepare them for this Expedition, which you will the easlyer effect, by taking these few verball Instructions with you: [*much to this purpose*] First let them understand by you from mee, the great compassion I take on their severall distresses and sad conditions, and how studious I am to better it, and to render them capeable of doing his Majesty of *England* more good service, and that to this end I am very willing to engage my self unto his Majesty of France's *Agent* (here) for some competent sum of money for their subsistance and future pay, which who so *lists* may receive; and that I will freely (but privately) procure of the States of this Kingdome Passes for their going beyond Sea, and will also provide vessels, and be my self at the charge of their Transportation: all which I shall do as a demonstration and pledge of that service I owe to my yong Mr. the Prince of *England*; whom (*be sure to tell them what I say*) by their and others recourse to him, with some forain Princes assistances, I hope (and little doubt) speedily to see in an invasive capacity to revenge his Fathers indignities, and powre out flouds of the blood of those rebellious Roundheads: You shall also (said he) take money with you to give advance to all those who shall enroll themselves as Souldiers for the French expedition, (for under that Notion you must tell them it must be carried on) that so the States of this Kingdome may not be unfurnisht of a pretence and excuse against the urgings of those of *England*, when they shall see us play

f A double-tongued *Scot.*

g *Si non ante diem Pareæ sua fila secantur.*

play foul play under-board: But above all, I beseech you, that you make a diligent enquiry into the temper and imployment of some of those *Anglers*; I am told there are some amongst them of most accomplisht parts; and my Agents in London have given me warning, that there are certainly some of them imployed by the English Parliament as Spies and Intelligencers concerning the transactions and consultations of me and this State; *Let such be nippily markt and taken notice of; and where you shall find deserts in any other of them, as conducible to our purpose, proceed to collate large and particular encouragements*: Gentlemen (quoth he) you may not; and I know you are not ignorant of the end of our design; in which, while we seem to help these base scoundrels, our ambition is to serve this [h] most Christian Majesty, according to our long-continued and lately renewed obligation, against either Spanish or English adversary; at the present to fight the one, and ere long to invade the other; the latter of which his Majesty may hereafter easily atchieve, having so many plausible pretensions on his side; as not only the restauration of his neareſt Ally, but (which is the main string of his bow) his entring with so many native Englishmen, which will stop the people from banding against his forces when they enter, and occasion many thousands to joyn with them against their own Natives and Countrymen; which when God shall please to bring to pass, I shall then be openly able to declare to the world, how much I am in Allegiance his subject, and in conscience your servant.

h King of *France*.

Thus after our most humble regratulations to his Grace for these *pictæ tectoria linguæ*, and indeed his affable and noble deportment to us, with his tender respect of our religious qualities (for the Agent had whisperingly told him what Mr. *Catwas*) we were now departing the presence, when presently we were remaunded by the Monsieur, who told us, that he had a very great desire to see as many of the gentlemen as could be got together at a Rendezvous, if the Duke held it safe; to which Mr. *Br.* answered it were more convenient to defer that for one week longer, till more of them had listed themselves, and by their Advance recruited their tottered condition, and amended their equipage; to which the Monsieur answered,

Gods death, let it be even ſo, or elſe they'le take me for a very merry gentleman; meaning belike, He ſhould be unable to hold his countenance, and reſtrain laughter.

And now the poor Cabs do *captare Ranam* ſhoot at a crow and kill an owle; they have brought their hogs to a fair market, (like the Devil when he threw them into the Sea,) of a foul event, they have a fair labour, they muſt not only be content to be beaten out of the Kingdom, but be *beaten in again, to uſher in and make room for thoſe, who when they have ſerved their turn of them, will uſe them and their King both alike; nay they ſhall be forced to fight againſt themſelves; *Sic vos non vobis, &c.* ſo that the more victories they win, the more miſerable they make themſelves, and un-king their Prince: This plot was never ſo ſtrong againſt them, as tis at this moment, as in time I ſhall declare: But they will not be induced to beleeve the French to be other then reall Aſſiſters, and that they do not catch at their crown; and, I muſt confeſs, their reaſon ſeems to be ſomewhat ſolid in this particular; Becauſe (ſay they) we know our King to be reconciled to the Roman-Catholike Church, and hereby he hath ingratiated himſelf with, and engaged all the Catholike Princes of Europe for his aſſiſtance: *Ah Freind*, I know the pulſe of the French not to beat ſo violently for Religion, when a crown lies at ſtake; they hope (Ile warrant thee) to ſee a *Lewis* crowned in Londre, as there was a *Henry* in *Paris*: But they ſay, His Holineſs hath obliged all Catholike Princes to be aiding, and amongſt them the French; who, if ever he wins *England*, (tis more then probable) maugre the Pope, will count himſelf fitter to be *Defender of the Faith*, then he that juſt now was converted to it to regain a crown: And this is but meerly *brutorum ratio*, all the reaſon they have.

* *Ni reſipiſcant fuſtibus & flagris ne ipſi vapulabunt.*

Well, but let us look back and ſee what we Presbyterian-Cavaleers are doing at *Edenburgh* amongſt the Cavaleer-Presbyterians; Our time is wholly ſpent in liſting who liſt to taſte of the *Eſca* of our hooks; and no little trouble was it for us to ferret them out of the ſeverall holes they had buried themſelves in; Our firſt two daies work was, to pretend the diſcloſing of a great ſecret to all we met, that they ſhould give notice to all

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the right Cavaleers they knew, to meet at a Green a quarter of a mile beyond the Kings Hally-Rood-Houſe, neer a little Alehouſe there, called the *Worlds end*, where Duke *Hambleton* had by us intended (out of his pure pitty) a diſtribution of money to all diſtreſſed *Engliſh* Officers, and Gentlemen ſouldiers of the Kings party, according to their ſeveral qualities, and that there would be made ſome propoſitions for the ſeting a foot again of our old quarrel with the *Engliſh* Rebels: O how greedily was this Gudgeon ſwallowed! Thoſe that had but twelve[i] black dogs, drunk a health that night in *Scotch* Ale to the brave Duke; and thus we made every one prove a Decoy to his Comrade; and our appointed time being come, our work we found done to our hands, and ſome Punds drunk upon ſcore in the Dukes health before ere we came at them, where we found the ſilly ſouls extreamly frolick and blythe, *Hic ſaltat lætus, hic eſt ſermone facetus*, every man fancying vanities to himſelf (and building caſtles in the Air, as yet ſtill they do upon a *Scotch* foundation) according to the defect of his judgement and diſcretion;

[i] One penny.

Ex improviſo fallitur omnis homo:

And ſo they are reſolved to be once more * deceived by them before they will learn better forecaſt.

* *Imbelli adminiculo ne ſuſtenteris.*

Nor when we came did we piddle with them a whit, but forthwith accoſted them with the moſt preſtigious ſugar-candid words we could invent, not forgetting one tittle of our Inſtructions, which we confirmed for truths, by a certain token the Duke had ſent by us, which was twenty ſhillings *ſterlin* to drink his dear Maſter the Kings Health, and a confuſion and damnation to the Parliament, beſides, half ſo much for the King of *France* his Health; deſiring them to accept of theſe poor favours he had ſent them, as a token of what more he intended to do, as a ſympathy of their loyall ſufferings, but eſpecially as a demonſtration of his fidelity (though formerly miſtruſted) to his Maſter: Thus having told our tales, and recruted every man with a conſiderable ſumm in his pocket, (beſides their heads full of *Nobilis Alla*) we deſired them all quietly to diſperſe themſelves, and in the mean while to put themſelves into as hanſom an equipage as they could, till our meeting

meeting again (that day sevenight) in the same place, when if we did not presently fall upon action; we told them, we were commanded to assure them upon the Dukes honor, they were safe, and that there should be a very competent and large allowance offorded the very meanest of them all; and so they straglingly parted like fools as they came;

Qui leviter credit, deceptus sæpè recedit:

I cannot call it good nature in them, but a shallowness of experience, contracted through customary overmnch talk, more boasting, through too little observation, and no pondering; for certainly no cattle in world are more easily beguiled then the Cavaleers generally by an over-weening credulity; the true occasionall use of a *wise distrust* and *slow Belief*, either not reaching, or else misplacing, seldom deliberating, till surrounded with fears, who are ill Counsellors, and never determining but upon hopes and wishes, who are false Astrologers: The dull *Phrygian* could *Serò sapere*, the Cavaleer will *nunquam*; He is alwayes extravagantly talking of many generations past; never once roundly considering, how that *Then* was *Then*, and *Now* is *Now*. But, to our Relation:

We staid not this night, till we had informed the Agent how far and fair a progress we had made in the business, who seemed very pleasant at the relation of the several pretty passages at our *Tap-lash Rendezvous*, some Devotions being that night performed at his lodgings (at which the Duke was present, and many other *Scotch* Gentry, though some people will hardly think it) we had the honor to be commanded to take our repast there that night, and waiting his Honors leasure, and further pleasure with us, he told us, there was no more to be said, till the Duke had compleated many things with the States, which to him he had ingaged for: I will onely add this (said he) for our comfort. I doubt not (by the fair progress we have already transacted with these [k] people) but to see our three [l] enemies beaten by themselves, and a way made for the banner of Christ, and the Standard of my Master, to be in time set up in that base adjacent Heretical plot of earth: Master *Ca--* told him, though our hopes were once great by our influence on the King and his party, yet it would be greater then ever, if

[k] The *Scots*.
[l] Cabs, Presbyters, Independants.

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we could once ſee a conjunction betwixt the Royaliſt & Presbyter, and both willing to accept of aide from his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty: you ſhall ſee ſtrange things done (quoth the Agent) if ever we can but bring them to ſhake hands, though with the teeth outward; which in ſome time (though perchance alſo with ſome little difficulty) we ſhall bring about: The Royalliſt is ſufficiently madded already; for they ſay, they will take the *Turks*, yea, the *Devils* ſide to conquer *England*, and in time you ſhall ſee, we ſhall work on the diſſatisfactions of the Preſbyter, that we ſhall bring them to joyn with us and their enemies, to overthrow their brethren and friends.

And now (Reader) I can buſie thy fancy with little of this weeks work, onely the great mirth of the Jovialiſts, they are no ſmall boys now, and (Ile warrant you) drink no ſmall Bear: New faces ſtill appear to be liſted, an't were for the *Turk*, all is one; thirty *Engliſh* ſhillings advance was then a conſiderable ſumm; In three or four dayes the Agent ſent a Gentleman to command our attendance at the Dukes Court, when he (we no ſooner being come) asked us, whether our number did increaſe, or decreaſe? We aſſured him, that we had liſted thirty ſix more then we had advance money for, which was preſently delivered us; But ſaid he to the Duke, how ſhall we provide now to keep them together from running away? By doing as you do now, (quoth the Duke) meaning by letting them have money enough belike; but it was preſently reſolved upon, that a party of Horſe ſhould ſcour the Country *England* ward; and it was given out, that it was onely to ſurprize and take up wandring *Engliſh* Malignants and Delinquents, and to ſend them to the Parliament of *England*; But the next thing put to the Queſtion by my ſelf, was, who were fitteſt to be choſen for the Officers of theſe liſted men? Well ſaid, (quoth the Agent) a thing indeed moſt neceſſary next to be conſulted on; for either we muſt pitch upon ſome of our own friends, or at leaſt their enemies; my meaning is, Catholique or Presbyter, the laſt being as ſerviceable to promote our enterprizes as the firſt: Here is a noble Gentleman (quoth Maſter *Cat--*) one Collonel *Forcer*, who is not onely diſcreet, but really their enemy (and your ſervant) yet very popular a-

mongſt them (for the fools have a vein ſtill to love us, how plain ſoever our practiſes appear againſt them,) he is one that by a certain intereſt (beſides Religion) would be glad by any means to advantage and ſet forward the *French* Deſign; being alſo not ignorant of the greateſt ſtate of affairs, and doth very well know how great hopes we have for the advancement of the Catholique Cauſe, by bringing the Cavaleer under the Lee of the Presbyter; Introth you have onely anticipated me (quoth the Monſieur) tell him I kiſs his hand, and deſire a word with him, for had you not mentioned him, I muſt have had ſome conference with him about ſome higher concernment.

And thus again we parted with Orders to return with moſt convenient ſpeed, which the next day we did, the Colonel in our Company; and after ſome private conference betwixt Monſieur *Montril* and himſelf, we were ſoon diſpatched, and gave out among the Totterdemallions, that all things were now concluded, but that a Colonel General was wanting, which we doubted would be a *Scot*, if we did not ſolicite the Agent, that we might ſelect Officers among our ſelves; and amongſt us none ſo fit and faithful a Conducter as would noble Colonel *Forcer* be, which they every one preſently reliſhed.

Well, now approaches the ſecond and laſt day of our liquoriſh *Worlds-End Rendezvouz*; where (after high *Bravadoes*, how we would plunder *London*, and torture the Roundheads at our return into *England*, making no diſtinction between Independent or Presbyter, when we had ſubdued them both) it was at laſt generally given to underſtand, That the fartheſt way about was our neareſt way home, and that we muſt firſt viſit *France*, where we ſhould lye at Rack and Manger (Free quarter) in Garriſon againſt the *Spaniard*, till ſuch time as a League and *Amneſtie* could be procured betwixt the *French* and them, and untill the difference betwixt the Independent and Presbyter did flame to the very height; which we aſſured them would erelong ſo come to paſs, and that it would prove a very feaſible buſineſs by flattering the one, to deſtroy both.

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But behold, the grand *Pa*-- the Monſieur approaches, where (by reaſon of different languages) at the firſt acceſt there was nothing but dumb ſhews, and *Serviteur tres humbles*; but there came a *Scotch* Interpreter with him, who was commanded to expreſs the Agent in this wiſe: *Gallant Sirs*, his Honor (here) hath commanded me to let you know, that though he be indeed a *French* man, yet he was ever naturally devoted to the ſervice of great *Brittains* Monarch, and that by the ſolicitation of the moſt renownedly vertuous *Henrietta Maria*, their Queen his Miſtreſs, he was now imployed by his Majeſty of *France* to agitate concerning the *Engliſh* affairs, and in ſpecial particular for the reſtauration of his moſt diſtreſſed Majeſty of *England*; and underſtanding, that ſo conſiderable a number of his party (moſt gallant Genlemen and Commanders) had by the cruelty of the enemy been beaten into this Kingdom for refuge and ſafegard, things indeed fell out more ſucceſsfully for his buſineſs then he could have wiſhed for, or expected; becauſe now he was not onely in a capacity to ſerve their Prince, but the Gentlemen in their miſerable exigencies; and to put them into that way which muſt of neceſſity be followed for the reducing of the *Engliſh* Rebels: He hopes he hath no cauſe to doubt of the averſneſs of any in the promotion of this buſineſs; if there be any ſuch (for perchance yon may not be alike zealous in a good cauſe) it is deſired, that they would pleaſe to urge their reaſons, to ſhew, why it may not be accounted more ſafe to go into *France* to your Prince, then to return back into the jaws of your mercileſs enemies: Your accomodation there ſhall befit Gentlemen of your quality, and in prcoeſs of time you ſhall finde your work done to your hands, by ſome unknown ſervants of yours, who are now ſtirring up of ſewdes, and flinging Marrow-bones betwixt thoſe two Curs, the Presbyterian and Independent; yea, ſome there are, that are inviſibly acting in their very Councels and Army; whom if they cannot involve into a quarrel one againſt the other, they ſhall raiſe up ſome ſtrange * ſpirits amongſt them that ſhall vigorouſly oppoſe, and perchance utterly confound them both; If this ſtring fails, there is another ſtronger for the Bow. And now *Gentlemen*, if there be any of you that make

* The Levellers, & Plot of Jeſui

exceptions, or desire to have any one of the Articles more plainly expounded to you, (for there were articles drawn and agreed upon betwixt them) let them now be pleased to speak; there is nothing in which his Honour is not very desirous to give each of you satisfaction to the full: and whosoever of you have any request to promote concerning himself or friend, he may be heard, and in reason his request granted: *Gentlemen*, Your Quarters are now taken up in Leith, where you may freely reside by the connivance of these States, that when time shall serve you may be there ready to imbarque.

So they all with great unanimity declared their forwardness in the action; his Honor then saluting them with a generall *Sa Sa* parted from them, telling them he hoped shortly to be with them, and to see them all safely arrived in *France*, and in a little while in *England* again.

And now for the *Antycera*, for here are fools enough to make a pretty formidable Fleet: In short time a right merry Gale commands our personall appearance a boord, whither we ganged as drunkenly reeling as the Ship, *omnium getherum*, all together; *Quot capita, tot sensus*, as many heads, so many windmills and aiery Castles; Seventeen daies (which is much for so short a journey) we were tumbled at Sea, enduring two very shrewd tempests; and really the Cast-awaies were like to be wrack't; yet all this did hardly allay the furious impieties of the *Damme Blades* till the Seamen bid them for shame prepare for death; which some of them did only by banning and cursing the Roundheaded *French* and *Scotch* Rogues; yet at last we (by a strange preservation) were whirled into *Dunkirke* Harbour, where the then naturalized Governour for the French, (Raunt zau) maugre the Agents Letters, sent us packing again, and would not so much as admit us to put our noses within his theivish Garrison, when he understood but what countrymen we were, (so strong a jealousy have the French ever had of the English) fearing that the Parliament of *England* having almost brought their business at home to an handsome period, might also have imployed us in a surprizall of that Port of Robbers; thereby to have opened a gap to the liberty of the miserably persecuted Reformists there; a Work worthy

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our States, when God ſhall pleaſe to put them upon it, which in bleſſed time may be done, when the Caviſh *Remoræ's* of this Nation ſhall once have their bellies-full of rebelling and jarres.

Well, again we hoyſt Sayle, and in ſome 10 or 12. houres put in at Saint *Johnſtones*, betwixt Bulloine and Calais, the very place where *Harry* the Eight won Bullione; And here we got ſome provant for our weather beaten paunches; the Peaſants gazeing upon us, and admiring what minde had blown thither ſuch a company of odd blaſted fellowes: Here we look't for an Army to be gone into *England* out of hand; we had thoſe amongſt us that askt of the French where the great body lay, that were bound for *England*; They ſwore by no ſmall bones, that they more doubted of Engliſh to invade there; the name of *Cromwell* being more terrible amongſt them then ever *Henry* the Eight was: this made the Gallants loll their ears and laugh at one an other: Not long after we had Quarters aſſigned at Gain in *Picardy*, though we were not like to gain much by the bargain; For that accommodation (which the Agent ſpake of in *Scotland*) befitting gentlemen of our quality, we found to be the lowſie ſtraw which the *Switzers* had left behind them. and a cruſt when we could catch it; So that we were like to be fed with a bit and a knock; for in a monthes ſpace we were drawn into the field, up to *Durlane*, for the releif of *Armantiers*, not one Monſieur-Article obſerved, but all diſhonorably broken: In a word, to be breif, within a quarter of a year that brave Gallant number of *Fuſees* were ſquandred all to peices, knockt o' the head, or ſtarved: Oh the horrid miſeries, incivilities, affronts, hardſhips and contempt theſe poor Caitiffes felt and received at the hands of the French, by many degrees (if poſſible) ſurpaſſing thoſe former miſeries they endured by the Scots. There was not a man amongſt them, that if he were found *napping*, (as we call it, *lagging*) but the French uſually butchered him for no other reſpect but *quatenus* Engliſhmen, ſuch is their love to the Royall party of *England*: I have now concluded this part of our Comi-Tragædy, leaving the poor Cabs in the ditches, and thoſe of them left alive to unſpeakable miſery, the judgements of God purſuing them, whither ſo ever they fly, for theis hor-

rible impieties of debauched Drunkeneſs and helliſh Healths to mens Damnations; for their familiar Oathes and Blaſphemies, their wild whorings, their cunning adulteratings (and then swingly-borrowings, but abſolutely robbings of) the Families, where ever (under feigned freindſhip) they (for their ſecret ends and way of ſubſiſtance) by their joviall inſinuations creep into; and eſpecially for their fooliſhly-diſobedient and blindly-obſtinate treacheries againſt their deareſt Parent their Country, in an humorous defence of a Tyrannicall King and Papiſticall Queen (a two ſtrange families, to them and theirs moſt fatall) the unlucky offſprings of a Learned *Scot*, and a Warlike Apoſtate by the Fathers ſide, and of a Daniſh b Wanton, and a Florentine Popiſh W-by the mothers: And now I come to relate ſome obſervations and certain paſſages, which befell and intervende during my ſtay in *France*.

a King Iames Father the L. *Darley* hangd in *Scotland*, the Queen of Scots his Popiſh Mother, and his ſecond ſon both beheaded in *England*; King Iames himſelf and his eldeſt Son more then ſuſpected to be both poyſoned; His Daughters husband with her ſelf and children driven out of all; His Favorite (and the Commonwealths Traytor)

Mr. *Ca*-I know not upon what ſuddain change of minde, or whether (moſt ſecretly) imployd in ſome Agitation, preſently got away for Saint *Omers*, and ſo to *Spain*; whence he promiſed after ſome ſeaſon to return and meet us at the Engliſh court at *German en Lay*; Mr. *Br.* and I ſpeedily caroatcht thither, where when we came, we found a very ſtrong report flying up and down amongſt the Religious, (and yet choakt with as much privacy as could poſſibly be) that ſomething might be done for *England* this year; yet in ſhort ſpace it was blown over: For it was given to underſtand, that the Presbyter had not wholly fallen off and deſerted the Parliament; which was meant by that laſt but new Southern c rupture, in which the French and catholikes in generall were on edge to have a finger: But, upon better deliberation, (having not then the power and influence on the Scots and Engliſh-Presbyters, which by reaſon of the yong King they now have) they have reſerved their ſtrength for *this very years* after game: And moſt ſtrangely confident were they all, that a breach one

ſtabd: Her father an Apoſtate and ſtabd; her Mother a Popiſh Incendiary, the place noted unfortunate afterwards, where ever ſhe came: Pr. *Ch.* reſolved to turn Turk, but he will be revenged on the Engliſh; the Duke of *Yo.* to be a Cardinal; *Rupert* as good as the beſt in the bunch &c. b Such a hunting King and dancing Queen In the Engliſh court were never ſeen. c Colch. *Ken.* and *Wal.*

way or other would be wrought betwixt them; especially when they heard of the Peoples eager violence crying out for Justice against the *Capitall Delinquent*; for they hoped this would have reduc'd the Parliament to an hard *Dilemma*; as whither it were fitter, to deny the requests and clamours of the generality of the people, and so incense them; or else, by stopping the due course of Justice, to claw with a few inconsiderate discontented *Laodiceans* whose luke-warm neutrality (having in time of yore, put their hands to the plough of Reformation) turns them cleer off from what they had first ingaged themselves to compleat: Which peice of Justice as it must of necessity have been done, they resolved would (without doubt) very sufficiently provoke the Presbyter; (happily because they had not the honor of doing it themselves) the Cavaleers themselves are generally (all of them) fully of this opinion; and, say they, had these been suffered to domineer over us, we had not found that equall intermixture of justice with mercy, which we now do find at the hands of the Independent; the little finger of their gouty-loyned Covenant, which none of us would take, would have proved heavier to us then that line of an Engagement which we all have taken; nay they now say, that a reconciliation betwixt them is meerly impossible; and yet they all hope, if they stir no more in rebellion, they shall see the happy day of a generall pardon from their now Governours.

But that which was the greatest obstruction, and did most of all binde the hands of the French from medling in the last new Presbyterian and Malignant Rebellion, was first not only the Spanish difference (which caused them to have an eye in their pole) not being yet made up, as anon I shall speak of; secondly, nor only the proneness of their own enslaved people to attain that precious liberty which the English had chalkt them out the way of; but thirdly, (and which is all in all) Cardinall *Mazarin*, Father *D* and [a] Le-M. had not yet done their do with their yong [b] Pupill; but a fair and hopefull progress they had made in the business; They had brought him (by that time we came thither) to this, that he would very usually (but closely) go to see the fashion of a *Private Mass* with

[a] *Jes.*

[b] P. *Ch.*

with his Mother; and to my knowledge I have seen, that he can cross himself prettily of a young Beginner; but to *Confession* indeed they could not of a long time bring him, (though he might not be ashamed to confess what in forty weekes was so visibly seen by that young *French* Lady of Honor; another young dainty *French-English* Heir Apparent) yet at last great promises prevailed, and the better to confirm them, his brother *Jemmy* (whipt into a Religion by his Mother, and turning like a twyne threed) was forthwith to be *Capt* a Cardinall, and (besides) all Catholique Princes should be invited and consulted with for an unanimous invasion of *England*.

But loe news comes aloft upon the wings of the Winde, that the people and State of *England* had summoned his Father to an high Court of Judicature to bring him to a trial for all the innocent blood he had spilt, and the hideous devastations he had caused: This was no little good news to the Cardinalical party, (I mean the Jesuitical) for in my next I shall satisfie thee concerning their cunning workings; how even these, who pretend so much charity and friendship to the Son, did seek by all machinations to expidite and accelerate this high piece of Justice upon the Father: and now say his Tutors to him, If they proceed to death with your father, it will prove the better for you; for it will utterly allienate the hearts and affections of the people from them, and you shall finde them to be the more eagerly violent for your re-investment, not considering the change of your Religion, which by any means shall not be publikely known to any but your good Catholique Subjects of *England*, till such time as you have wrested power enough into your own hands to protect it and your self in it; but indeed the Lad had some of the Fathers astutiousness in him, & presently asked the Cardinal the same question wth his Father once did the King of *Spain*, when he was almost easily intreated to have turned to the Faith Catholique; How shal I (said he) ever expect to be King of *England*, if once the *English* should understand I am turned Catholique? To which they easily gave a satisfactory resolution, telling him, That (as the case now stood) he must never look to be admitted but by Fire and Sword; the main force of arms

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must make way for him, neither could he ever in the least probabilsty atchieve that, or put it in execution, without the aide of Catholique Princes, which they will never be brought to act in, without a firm assurance of your reall and faithful conversion.

'Tis true, I must ingenuously acknowledge, for some term of time he made a little pauze upon this hard Lecture; but no sooner was there certain news arrived of his Fathers decollation, but he was heard by some of his attendance to swear a great oath, *That he would turn* Turk, *or any thing, to be revenged of the bloody* English; which mad boyish words were like to lose him the Lord *Hopton*, and other of the most considerable of his party of the Episcopal Protestants; for they plainly saw the great endeavours therewere for his conversion; besides, that most times they were secluded and barred from their attendances; and indeed they could not otherwise judge, but that he would easily be induced to *Popery*, who was resolved to turn *Alcoranite*, or *any thing* for revenge: Besides, all his Chaplains were turned to the wilde world a grazing, except onely those who did constantly assert their real conversion, as that *Scotch* dissembling Hypocrite (yet most rare Linguist) Doctor *Chrichton* did, and some few others: *Hopton* 'tis true (and some more which I could easily name) was packing up to be gone, and desert such a dangerous cause and rash Master (had he been admitted to pardon;) but he was woon and wound back again by that old subtile Fox (that Church-Papist, or rather Atheist) *Cottington*, and by the great Protestations and intreaties of many others *English* and *French*, (not for the least affection they bear him, but) well considering, how fit and plausibly he may serve to usher in a forraign Enemy, and be a *Nose of Wax* to the *great design of* Englands *second Conquest*; especially being so popular amongst many of the Western seduced people, who think verily that good man will never come with those who have a design clearly to conquer this Nation, and fall to their old *Fire and Faggot* burning sport.

And now the great Overtures for a *Spanish* Treaty are set on foot, a difficult thing to be brought to pass, yet harder to be concluded, (such a natural Antipathy is there betwixt these two Nations:) but the Jesuites (I know not how) at last* effected

* *Spa. & Fra.*

effected it in some sort, and there was canvasing the business in private betwixt them above a quarter of a year, before the world could as much as take notice of such a thing; and when it did break forth, (such things cannot be hid in a dark Lanthorn) Propositions on both sides were so smothered, (at least adulterated, before they came to the ears of men) that scarce any Neighbour Nations could give their positive judgements what would be the conclusion and result of that *Game under board*: The reason of all this covert closeness was, because their discourse was most concerning that pretty prey of * *England*: It was urged by one to the other, that never was there a fairer opportunity then now to be revenged of those reforming Apostates, to fall on and surprize them, they thought it fit to make Hay while the Sun shined; and the most they yet disagree about, is who shall have the crop when it is mowed: The *French* make mountainous offers of returning such and such * places into the *Spaniards* possession, if he may be suffered to enjoy the conquest, the *Spaniard* being to furnish him with so much money, men, arms, shipping, ammunition, &c. for so long a time: Alas noble Monsieur, this is not like to sadge, for it runs diametrically opposite to that general opinion of the *Spaniards*, of an universal Monarchy; Truly Gentlemen, I humbly conceive, You reckon before your Host; You count your Chickens when the eggs are adled: We have an Army (and, because our confidence is not in the fleshly arm of man) that by the power of God will not fear to meet you half ways any where, at any time; and we have not a people so witchedly besotted, that because you bring along with you one whom you make your stalking horse to your mischievous designs, will therefore open the door to let him in, that so you may come crowding in at his back; Do your worst, we fear you not, though there were eighty eight Nations more of you, all invading us on the next fifth of *November*.

* A handsome plot of ground lying convenient for many Catholique purposes, and after which the Popes chops have a long time watered; expecting by the Jesuitical Plough of *Italian* Policie (guided by Belzebub, and drawn by a mixt Team of *French* and *Spanish* Agents, to which *Cottington is* Carter) to convert that good Pasture of Protestants into *Romish*-Arable, that it may be sharply reaped by the Sword, and the grain cruelly threshed out (at the Barn-door of *Rome*) by the Scepter of a Catholique Conqueror: it were excellent for the Pope, then he might here again glean *Peter-pence*, convert easie souls, and carry more straw to *Rome*; who ever remained firm (resolved) to be left as stubble for the fire. a *Fl. Cat. &c.*

But

But here a great while they have ſtuck faſt in this Quagmire, not for a long time reſolving one way or other, leaving the deſperate *Engliſh* Youth in ſad dumps to think, and a great greedy ſuſpence to imagine why they ſo long procraſtinate their aſſiſtances: And here (really) a man would have thought they would have been plunged for everlaſting; but what they have done in it, (their Tutor) the Devil knows; only thus much I am ſure of, they have made the Lad believe, that without fail this Summer (and very probable) they will fall on, and put him (out of doubt) out of his pain: To this purpoſe he is put upon a work to beguil himſelf, I am mightily deceived if he do not find himſelf Cony-catch'd in it, and all the *Lutheran* and *Calviniſt* States and Princes beſides, (who will find themſelves meerly drawn in) that have engaged in ſome aide of men and money, *&c.* They ſhall onely lead the Van, and be the forlorn Hope to the Rear-Catholiques, who will come powdering in too, but in their breeches with a vengeance; Well, but to theſe the young Papiſt hath ſent Beggars to implore aide for the Proteſtant Cauſe in good *Tru-ly*; having Commiſſioned his Emiſſaries to engage, and make promiſe of a very faithful repaiment of all their ſeveral charges and expences, by a general Tax upon the people, when (the skyes falling) he ſhall be able to catch Larks in *England*; which to conſult, about they are to meet at *Breda*, where now a Babel of them are concurringly tumbled together; The Catholike he ſtands behinde the Hangings, and neatly obſerves all their reſolutions; nor indeed doth any thing paſs as reſolved without the Councel-Boord of *France*, their Approbation and Concurrence, a Journall of their Tranſactions having been weekly poſted up to the *Lowre* and St. *Jermans*, and eſpecially whereſoever the Station and Reſidence of the * Cardinal be at any time fixed, he having the onely influence (by order from his Holineſs) on all the Acts there paſſed.

* *Mazarini.*

So that now (Reader) I will give thee a touch and but a glympſe of the invading plot, how it is laid; becauſe I intend (aſſoon as I have received my packet, and conferred circumſtances; for indeed I am now out of their books) to come again ſpeedily into the Preſs, and ſpeak plain Engliſh; ſhew-

a Suſpected a Convert.

ing thee ſome ſcore of * Names, which will even aſtoniſh thee to think, that we have ſo long hugged ſuch vipers in our boſomes: And then will I ſhew thee the ſecond part of this ſtory, beginning from *German ex Lay*-to *Breda*, and ſo forward, in which there ſhall appear plain truths, and thou wilt be forc'd to believe them in ſpight of thy malignant heart; when it ſhall be made evident to thee, that at *Rome* they take it for granted, that we are already conquered, and reduced to the Faith, ſo confident are they in the Reſolutions of their main Ayders, the Presbyterians: *Exitus acta probat*, The proof of the pudding is in the eating good Mr. Pope.

* Catholikes, Prieſts, Jeſuits, and trayterous Presbyterians

[Ambition to rule, is more potent in One that is up; then Malice, to revenge, prevalent in one that is down:

And,

To one that is down, Auxiliaries obtained, not by coin, but upon courteſie (wherein may be craft) are moſt dangerous:

For,

A Forreign Prince needs no greater invitation to ſeize upon a Crown to himſelf, then when requeſted to regain it for another;

Yet,

Let no Civil Diſcords encourage any Forraigner to invade, ſince they that are factious among themſelves (and jealous one of another) for this or that party, are ever (eſpecially being already provided with an old conquering Army) more ſtrongly prepared, when the whole is at ſtake, to encounter with a common Enemy; for, whom Civil Commotions ſet at variance, Forraign Hoſtility reconciles:

And ſurely,

A wiſe Forraigner would be cautious in undertaking an expenſive Deſign upon the report of ſuch as are exiled their Country,

Country, whose ends expect Advantages from their Assistance, their miseries laying hold of all Opportunities, and seeking to be made whole, though upon their ruine; for, an Invader repelled, must expect (at the next bout) to be Invaded;

However,

If Forraigners will be Fooles, who can help it? Reader, be thou wise, in relying on God, and being true to thy Country: Let no flattering wish deceive thee, malice urge thee, price nor promise bribe thee, nor ought else tempt thee to take part with any Enemy of the State: Assure thy self (if thou dost) whoever wins, thou art lost; If the State prevaile, thou art branded for a Rebell, and markt for death; If the Enemy prosper, thou shalt be reckoned as a Traytor, and not secured of thy life. He serves the State, that destroys a Rebell; And it is a common thing for a forraign Prince, that loves the Treason, to hate the Traitor: Above all, presume not on Secresie, such confidence hath undone many: Innumerous are the waies of finding out a man, besides finding him in the very act; Nor think a good wit can assuredly carry thee through an ill business; Every man may not be the Wit he thinks himself; And if he be, or more, yet none so cunning to cover, but to discover there are others as wise. If you think well to seem faithfull, you must needs think it is better to be so. *Humanum est errare, condonare Divinum*: Whoever wanders (as I have) let him quickly return to God, his Countrey, and himself. The Shortest errours are the best: Be not ashamed to be wise, be thou encouraged; for *Peter* (through the mercifull aspect of Jesus) doubled the grace by repenting, which he had lost by offending:]

Now for the Plot, it is thus laid: (Reader, thou hast it from a good hand, and an affectionate heart, to thy good; Believe it to thy preservation, for which be thankfull; and doubt it not, in simple ingratitude to God, and to thy destruction:) The Scots, that is, the Presbyterians both of *England* and *Scotland* (for London hath a lusty finger in the *Breda* pie)

are the fore horses to draw on the good Catholike Design; The little Queen (this every one knows) hath laid a strict command on her Lad, by all possible means to compose differences, and close interests with his guide friends the *Scots* & *English* Presbyters, upon any kinde of conditions, how base or ignoble soever, so that they may be brought to grapple with the *English* State; These are to advance and keep some spudder in the North, to draw down a considerable party thitherward; the English-brethren are by all possible means to work some strong diversion (if they can, or dare) in the Southern, or some other parts: The *Montrossians* at first were designed to keep warm the backs of the *Scots*, and presently with their forraign Mercenaries, *Danes*, *Swedes*, *Suitzers*, *Kerns*, *Normans*, and some *Germans*, to advance as neer the guide town of *Edenburgh* as they could: But this (too late for their advantage) was perceived; and did put the Lesly ans to more then an halt in their resolutions, even to a turning faces upon the *Hurreying* Invaders; so that now it seems they are remaunded, and have cross orders to hoyse for *Ireland* (as tis given out) to make all cleer there in a trice: but this is but a flim-flam, they are (as I have some reason to suppose and report) to joyn with the Lord *Hopton* in the Western Islands, who is only usefull, and imployed for nought else, but to cover an Out-landish Invasive Enemy, with his plausible presence, and some English with him: and others to prick on the Jotkies to be sent in their steed into *Scotland*, but not till the English and Scots come to Handy-gripes: Nor are any to second *Hopton* but these, and some Flemish aide by sea and land, till he hath made the Gap wide, and the way cleer for some other Party: and then, expect from all parts and Kingdoms some sweeping Armies of Catholikes to land in severall places at once, which (as the Cavaleers themselves do brag and give out) shall come like a floud, and in a trice rush and overflow the whole land like an * Inundation: But of this more in my next Treatise, which I am confident will be convincing enough to stir up the spirits of the most venemously unsatisfied ones that are, to an unanimous opposition of (at least) all the forreign Enemies of our Peace and Country: who if ever (as God forbid) they should

* *Et tunc immenso impetu Hostis consinibus ingruit.*

ſhould come to gain a conqueſt over poor *England*, be ye aſſured, Presbyterians and Cavaleers too, that ye alſo muſt to pot, and are in as great a Predicament (of confuſion) as he that is now and ever,

The moſt faithful Servant of the
Common wealth of *England*;

And real Convert to the Reformed
Religion; working by Jeſus
Chriſt in the power of the
* Spirit. *Amen.*

* *Sedulò Inſpirationibus internis attendo.*

Commune diſcrimen Diſſidentes conjungit.

FINIS.

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Epilogue to the Author.

SIR,

YOur Papers you were pleas'd to communicate to me, I here return; and as you desir'd, they have been read over, and I am ready to give you this account of them. First, I beleeve you report nothing but truth in them: for these particulars agree exactly with my generall *Observations*. 2ly, I beleeve many of those, who have been formerly of an other opinion, will be convinced with your report. 3ly, I beleeve you will hereby gain no discredit, nor incur danger except onely from those, who are most certain, and knowing that you speak truth herein. I mean plainly if you provoke any enemies hereby, it will be the Cavaleers, the Papists, and Presbyterians, and yet all Papists, Presbyterians and Cavaleers, though they know these things are more then probable, do not certainly know, by any privity of their own, that they were so acted as to particulars, as is here described: and therefore you need not fear all. As for the Independents they are rather justified, then provoked hereby; and as for the Levellers, though you pritty well describe them, yet you insist not much upon them; and if you had; they are not very formidable at this time, partly because the major part of them never yet fell totally from the Ordinances of God, or from us, and all such now as fell not so far have quitted their blasphemous, Atheisticall ringleaders, and I am in great hopes, that some of them which have not yet retracted, may be woone upon by your cleer, ingenuous discoveries, therefore do not withdraw one foot backwards; *Tutum est cum timeas inferre gradum.* You know what *Scipio* said being once imploy'd upon an hard service: *Necesse est ut eam, non ut vivam:* and you know better what our Saviour said; *He that will save his life shall loose it; and he that will loose his life for my sake, shall save it.* You seem to me to be inspir'd as *Sampson* was against the Philistines, spare not then to provoke them, send your fire-brands by the tayls of your coupled foxes into their standing corn: if you survive your conflict, you will injoy your victory here: if not, yet you will pull down the pillars of your enemies, and perishing together with them, you will be inwreathed with a more glorious lawrell hereafter. You need doubt none, but the one-eyd, mungrell, half-witted medly of Cava-

leers, and Presbyterians; and yet these, though they are now odly cemented, and daubed together with untempered morter, cannot but wonder at your account of things palpably designed long since, and now so visibly here acted, where their Enemies known interests, and their own present sufferings are so consonant, and correspondent, and answer as lively as faces in a glasse. We may suppose that some of our Enemies are dementated by God, but we may withall suppose that there is a moderate sort, such as the Arguilians amongst the Scotch Presbyterians, and such as the Hoptonians amongst the English Prelaticall Cavaleers, that may finde their old suspitions strangely sympathizing with these discoveries. It must needs be evident to the Arguilians by this time, that their young King, when he had swallowed the Covenant, and was bound thereby to prosecute all Prelaticall, Popish Cavaleers, yet at the same time intended that *Montrosse* by his Commission should confound all Covenanters by Prelaticall, and Popish Cavaleers; but the particular paces, and gradations which He made, when he designed things so contrary, and the proposed means of accomplishing the same, will be now better understood then ever. Likewise by this time it must needs be evident to the Hoptonians, that the same young Master of theirs, when he went to Masse with his Mother in *France*, and Courted the Pope, and all Catholick Princes for aids against his Hereticall Rebels in *England*, He yet was resolved at the same time to ingage himself by the Scotch Covenant to extirpate all Popery and Prelacy. But it will be now more evident to them, what the particular inductions, conjurations, and mysteries of the Romish Cabal was, which made that reconciliation betwixt things so irreconcileable in his weak, abused understanding. These mysteries after you are once throughly read, and studied, will appear no great mysteries: that which before was onely intelligible, by your Narrative of particulars will be presented as visible. He that has eyes to see, will not shut them at your scenes; he that has eyes, but not to see (for such there were in our Saviours days) will be as stupified though a messenger from the dead came to salute him. In you are opened to the world strange counsells, strange actions, and strange events, and the symetry that is betwixt your events and your actions, betwixt your actions and counsels, must needs convince

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every man, who is not cauteriſd by the unſearchable judgments of God. In ethicks wiſdom is juſtified by her Children, and Truth has the looking-glaſſe of time, and times events to view herſelf in, even as in the Mathematicks, *Rectum eſt ſui Index, & obliqui.* I need ſay no more: ſeeing men will judge of this peece of yours by the times; and know the times by this peece of yours: for a Lamp brought into a dark roome makes it ſelf known, as well as all other things in that roome.

Give me leave to Print, and binde up together with this Narrative of yours, two Letters which were communicated to me lately from a cordiall Friend, and I beleeve they will not appear very heterogeneous. I will paraphraſe nothing upon them, let them paraphraſe for themſelves. *Adiu.*

SIR,

SInce his *Lordſhip* deſires to know my opinion touching his Majeſties Affairs, I ſhall with all freedom communicate what I conceive in ordinary reaſon, to be the moſt probable courſe for his re-advancement, and the reſtitution of *Monarchy*. And as touching this, the ſureſt way to proceed in is, to take a ſurvey of the cauſes of its ruin, and alſo of the Scotiſh Intereſt, ſince it pretends a reſtauration of the regall. Whence the deſtruction of the Engliſh *Monarchy* proceeded, may eaſily be perceived, if we conſider the time of its *declenſion*, which began with the daies of our departure from the *Roman* Church: For, during the continuance of that profeſſion among us, the *Faith* of the people being ſubjected to the Dictates and Decrees of the *Church*, they were like *wax*, apt to receive the Impreſſion of any *Principle*, which the *Church* was pleaſed to impoſe upon them; and ſo by reaſon of that compliance which was mainteined between the *Pope* and the *Monarch*, and the *Prieſts* and the *Lords*, for their mutuall preſervation, the people were the more eaſily ridden, and ſeldom or never contemn'd the *Bridle*. By this means, in thoſe dayes' *implicit faith* and *blinde obedience* was a *maxim* that paſſed current in *Politicks*, as well as *Eccleſiaſticks*, whileſt the *great ones* of the *Clergy* and *Laity* ſhared all Authority between Them: And though many Quarrels aroſe between the *Pope* and the *Monarch* touching their ſeverall Juriſdictions, yet the *Arcana Imperii* were

ſtill kept under *lock* and *key*, and ſo their Authorities remained entire ever, in relation to the people. But when the *Proteſtant* Religion began to take place among us, the *Prieſts* ſoon loſt the command of thoſe *Reins* which they held over the *Conſcience*; *Implicit obedience* was immediately caſhired, and the people having liberty allowed in things *ſacred*, made bold to prie into the *Civill*, and the reverentiall aw to the *Prieſthood* being quitted, the leſſe reverence was born to the *regall Authority*.

Nevertheleſſe, the *reforming Clergie* (to make amends) endeavoured what lay in them to eſtabliſh their own *Intereſt*, and twiſt it again with that of the *Crown* upon a *Proteſtant* Account; and as to outward ſplendor, they ſeemed to make the *King* ſomwhat more than he was before, plundring the *Pope* of the Title of Supreme Head of the Church to beſtow it upon him. And farther, it muſt be acknowledged, the *Biſhops* did what lay in them to ſupport and advance his Prerogative; and they did it a long time: But alas, the *firſt Reformers* having open'd the eyes of the People, their Succeſſors knew not which way, to ſhut them up again, becauſe the multitude were inſtructed in time to know as much as themſelves; and knowledg is ever attended with a deſire of liberty, and will require ſatisfaction in reaſon, before men will yeeld up their Intellects and obedience.

Hence it was, that after men had a liberty given to read the *Scriptures*, they made bold of Themſelves to interpret (every one after his own ſence) as well as to read, and by this means they furniſht themſelves with matter enough to pelt at the *Biſhops*; which order of men being beaten down as the main pillars, every man ſaw the neceſſity of a Fall of the Monarchy it ſelf. Upon this account came in the *Presbyter* with his new Form of Government hewn out of the Scriptures to ſupplant the Proteſtant, and after him the *Independant*, who fetches Arguments likewiſe from the ſame Fountain, which puzzle all the world to prove the neceſſity of any Nationall Form of Church-government at all; and ſo the harmony betwixt the two *Polities* of Church and State being loſt, it is obvious to every common underſtanding, that a change of the *Roman* Religion, was the originall, or the firſt moving Cauſe, of this alteration of government, and the ruin of Monarchy in *England*.

Now the Cauſe of the diſeaſe being known, I ſuppoſe it is no

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hard matter to prescribe his Majesty a remedy for recovery: And to this end, his best course is, to take the Counsell of *Hippocrates*, *Contraria contrariis curanda*. Since the *English* Kings have lost the Crown by departing from the *Roman* Church, sure the way to get it again is to return thither, and if it can be re-gained upon that Account, it will never be lost again: For, if I have any judgment in Affairs of this world, certainly there is no way left under heaven to allay the present Opinions and subdivisions of *Faction* in point of Religion, and to compose the civill *Feuds* that follow them, but by reducing the Members of this distracted Body, and swallowing up all, into a *Monarchic all Catholick* uniformity. For, as things now stand, and as long as there is an Indulgence of that humor called *Liberty of Conscience*, it is impossible this Nation should be in any Form but that of a *Republick*; and untill *Conscience* be muzzled again with the old Catholick Bond of *Implicit obedience*, it will ever be barking, and except such a Principle come in credit, it would be as impossible for his Majestie to keep possession hereafter, as it is now to get it, upon any other Terms, than an engaging with and for the *Catholick* Religion.

And that there is no way but this for a recovery, will be made very evident by stating the condition of those parties in the three Kingdoms that pretend to his *restitution*; which I shall now effect in brief. The party that makes most noise in this particular is the *Presbyterian*; and at present there is a strong Report of his Majesties Inclination to Them; but how such a Course can be justified in reason, I do not see, since there is no possible *medium* to reconcile the two Polities, *Regall* and *Presbyteriall*, they being as contra-distinct in nature, as *unitas* and *multitudo*, *Monarchy* and *Polyarchy*, both claiming (not an equalitie of power, but) the *Supremacie*: And though the Presbyterian claims his, in a way collaterall (that is, *In ordine ad Spiritualia*) as to civill Things, yet the pretended derivation of their Authority more directly and immediately from *Christ*, as his speciall Ministers, and sole Administrators of his discipline (to whose *Scepter* all earthly powers ought to bow, and obey) cuts the very Throat of all Civill Power, and (by consequence) assassinates the regall dignity. This being the true nature of that *Faction*, I suppose his Majestie hath little Cause to be in love with it, or to beleeve he can by imbar-

imbarquing himself in that bottom, make a saving voyage upon the present Adventure, so as to return like himself, or to be what he would be.

Nor do I see, what probability can be therein, to carry the day against the present prevailing party in *England*. That bruised Reed *Scotland*, is the grand *Asylum* (*In quo nec Boreas ipse manere velit*;) and whether the poverty and pusillanimity of the *Scotish* Rabble be able to struggle with the wealth and power of *England*, is well worthy Consideration. As for their Party among the *English*, the chief Actors (the curtain being now drawn) are become inconsiderable and contemptible, and *Presbytery* it self (in the latitude demanded) is universally odious to the Nation: Some Remnants they have likewise in *Ireland*, but not fit to be named, in order to the great work of restitution. Moreover, it is to be observed, that a Close with that party, will utterly disoblige those two grand ones, the *Royall-Protestant* and the *Catholick*.

Now as touching these two, it is true indeed, they seem at present in a very low condition, but their hearts are firm, their number great, and as long as they are so, nothing wants but means and opportunity which must be sought after; and neither of Them being to be had at home, the Rise of all must be from abroad. And if we look into forein parts, the *Protestant* hath but few *Friends*, the *Catholick* many. The *Protestant* can do much joyned with the *Catholick*, but nothing without him, and therefore the key of the work, must be to bring these two to an union; which I suppose is no hard matter to effect, since the late loosnes in Church discipline hath rendred the Protestant or Episcopall Cavaleers (as they call them) very indifferent, either to be of no Religion, or of any, as is evident by the many Proselites which flow in daily unto the Church of Rome: Besides it is a thing not disputed now, but firmly beleeved by most of the ingenious and generous sort of our Nobility, Gentry, and old Clergy, that the difference betwixt us and Rome is not in fundamentals, but only in a few ceremonies and circumstantials, which though they formerly seemed superstitious extravagancies, yet now are lookt upon by them (as with an eye of experience) to be necessary points of Prudence, *Infatuare plebem*, to charm, and keep the world in order. These things being considered, it will be no hard mat-

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ter for his Majesty to mint the old Protestant and Catholick with the same stamp, and make them both bear the same Royal Image and Superscription. As for pretences of Conscience, which may arise to oppose the reason of this, I suppose his Majesty cannot but have so much of *Prince* in him, as to know it is a meer vanity to puzzle Conscience in matters of Ceremony; and there is not a Chaplain of his, but must be master of so much reason as to give him full satisfaction touching this particular: But if his Clergies Doctrine will not do it, yet let him be convinced, and instructed by the example and practise of his heroick Grandfather, the great *Henry* of *France*; who judging the differences in Religion not to be fundamentall, made no scruple to take the Catholick way, when he could not come by the Protestant, to a plenary possession. And my opinion is, if his Majesty take the same Course, the Pope himself, and all the Catholicks throughout Europe, prizing England highly, will use all means for a recovery; which will be so much the more easie to attain upon that score; in regard the Catholicks, or such as are at least half-Catholicks, are now chief in possession of the kingdom of Ireland; who would all be extremely distasted, and not so cordially persue the Royall Interest, if once his Majesty should make a reall close with the Scotch Presbyterians.

Nevertheless, though a reall Close would be destructive, yet I cannot but recommend a pretended one, to be of all other engines, the most necessary to carry on his Majesties designe, that whilest he shakes hands with them in publick, he stick fast to his true Freinds in private. And above all things it were requisite his pretences be kept so high still toward the Presbyters, that they have no cause to suspect him: For, if he effect nothing else thereby, yet this great benefit must needs ensue, that it will obstruct any union or Accord, and maintain Freinds, betwixt Them and the Independents. By any means let all arts be used to keep these from uniting, and then the work is half done to his hands, otherwise it will be little lesse then impossible. *Liberavi animam meam.* Let my Lord know I have delivered my opinion with all sincerity and freedome, being confident I shall stand upright in his Judgment, and his Majesties, when they have well weighed my Allegations. I am,

(Sir)

Your very affectionate humble Servant:

M. P.

I [illegible] yours of the [illegible] instant, and the same day I went [illegible] his Lordship, who went immediately and imparted it to his Majesty, who hath kept to [illegible] up ever since in his Cabinet. I perceive, that in the judgment of them all you have hit the nail on the head, and his Majesty resolves to send a copy of it to the Queen at Paris, to whom I know it will be every jot as welcome. You might imagine, that I flatter you, if I should deliver the opinions of his Majesties true Friends, in the same language that they expresse, concerning your extraordinarie parts and merits; but take this for all: They say, there never came a more judicious and solid expresse from any English pen; and it is exceedingly wondred, that you should jump so evenly in your judgment with the greatest heads in *Europe*, upon whose Counsell and Advice his Majesty solely depends; And this so exactly (my Lord saith) as if you had conversed and compared notes together.

As for the Scots, assure your self his Majesty abhors them, any farther than for his own ends; and it hath been already resolved to keep close (touching them) to the Rule prescribed in your letter; therefore be not moved at all, if you chance hereafter to hear of our agreement with Them: For, it is the Queens Advice, we should do it upon any Terms whatsoever. For news, I refer you to the inclosed Copie, desiring to hear from you upon all occasions; but this peice of good news more give me leave here to tell you, that you will never want a gracious Master of his Majesty, who expects your privacy, and is resolved fully to reward you, as soon as it shall please God to restore him: And touching this, you will suddenly receive greater Testimonies and Assurances than mine; in the mean time he shall take all opportunities to premove that good opinion which you have already attained, and use my utmost endeavour every way to deserve the reputation of, *Yours, &c.*

Qui Decipi vult, Decipiatur.

Some fall, because they will not stand:
Some ship-wreck, cause they will not land:
No pity: let him snared be:
That snares discover'd will not see.

FINIS.